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**NH ROUTE 120 TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENTS IN LEBANON**  
***TRAFFIC SIGNAL COORDINATION AIMED AT REDUCING PEAK HOUR BACKUPS***

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces improved coordination of the traffic signals along the NH Route 120 corridor in Lebanon will be implemented during the week of November 29, 2004. This work is aimed at improving traffic flow along the Route 120 corridor and reducing or eliminating traffic backups currently experienced on the exit ramps at Exit 18 of Interstate 89.

This signal coordination activity involves reprogramming computers in the NH 120 traffic signal controller cabinets at the Exit 18 ramps, and at the Heater Road and Etna Road intersections. The work will not require lane closures. The signal coordination will give priority to traffic moving along the NH 120 corridor. Northbound travel from Exit 18 towards Hanover will receive priority signal timing during the morning commute, with southbound travel receiving priority in the afternoon.

In addition, work recently completed on Etna Road at the NH 120 intersection extended the right-hand lane approaching NH 120 by approximately 400 feet. This provides for dual left turns onto NH 120 southbound, which improves the overall operation of the intersection during peak periods.

Several other projects are currently under design to address other traffic concerns on NH 120. These projects include construction of a turn lane at Heater Road, construction of an additional southbound travel lane between LaHaye Drive and Etna Road, extension of the existing northbound truck lane beyond Centerra Parkway, reconstruction of the NH 120/LaHaye Drive/Centerra Parkway intersection, and construction of an additional inbound travel lane on LaHaye Drive from NH 120 to Mount Support Road.

These construction improvements are a joint effort of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the City of Lebanon and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.